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**U**RING A BATTLE BETWEEN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND DR. EGGMAN, AN EXPLOSION HURLED SONIC, HIS FRIENDS, AND DR. EGGMAN OFF THEIR HOMEWORLD AND ACROSS DIMENSIONS UNTIL THEY FOUND THEMSELVES ON PLANET EARTH. NOW SONIC PROTECTS OUR PLANET FROM THE SCHEMES OF THE MAMMOTH MEGALOMANIAC.



**W**ELCOME TO THE STATION SQUARE SPACE MUSEUM.

SECONDS TO LAUNCH:  
7...6...5...

IN LESS THAN FIVE SECONDS, THE BIG SCARY ROBOT IS GOING TO LAUNCH TWO MISSILES AT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

SONIC WOULD PREFER NOT TO GET BLOWN UP, SO BEFORE THE MISSILES CAN BE LAUNCHED, HE INTENDS TO TRASH THE RAMPAGING ROBOT..



# BOISTEROUS BOT BATTLE!

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WHAT SONIC DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT HIS BEST (HUMAN) FRIEND, CHRIS THORNDYKE, IS TRAPPED INSIDE THE ROBOT RECEIVING ORDERS FROM DR. EGGMAN.

SECONDS TO LAUNCH:  
4...3...2...

SECONDS TO LAUNCH: 1...

LET'S STOP THE  
CLOCK HERE AND  
BRING EVERYBODY  
UP TO SPEED!

SECONDS TO LAUNCH: 1...

WHEN SONIC  
DEFEATED  
EGGMAN'S PLOT  
TO STEAL MONEY  
FROM THE TWELFTH  
NATIONAL BANK  
OF STATION  
SQUARE, INC.\*

\*IT HAPPENED IN ISSUE ONE.

SECONDS TO LAUNCH: 1...

EGGMAN STOLE SOME  
OF SONIC'S RINGS AND  
USED THEM TO POWER A  
PAIR OF DESTRUCTIVE  
DRAGONBOTS.

SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS  
DEFEATED THE DRAGONBOTS,  
FURTHER ANNOYING EGGMAN.\*

YOU'VE  
ANNOYED ME  
FOR THE  
LAST TIME,  
SONIC!

\*IT HAPPENED IN  
ISSUE TWO.



SECONDS TO LAUNCH: 1...

...THE PRESIDENT...

SO EGGMAN SET INTO ACTION HIS MOST NEFARIOUS SCHEME EVER, TRAPPING SONIC'S FRIENDS INSIDE DEADLY ROBOTS\*, INCLUDING...

...SAM SPEED...

WHAT...

...IS...

\*IT HAPPENED IN ISSUE THREE.

...GOVERNMENT AGENT TOPAZ...

...HAPPENING...

CHRIS'S TEACHER, MR. STEWART, (WHO IS ALSO A GOVERNMENT AGENT)...

...TO...

...AND CHRIS HIMSELF!

...ME?!

?!

CALLING ALL BOTS!  
DESTROY SONIC NOW!

DR. EGGMAN IS FORCING THE HAPLESS, HELPLESS HUMANS TRAPPED INSIDE HIS ROBOTS TO FOLLOW HIS EVIL ORDERS!

HOW CAN SONIC SAVE HIMSELF WITHOUT HURTING HIS FRIENDS...?





AND NOW  
WE'LL START  
THE CLOCK  
TICKING AGAIN.  
HOLD ON  
TIGHT—THERE'S  
NO SLOWING  
DOWN FROM  
HERE!

SECONDS TO LAUNCH: 0...  
MISSILES LAUNCHED!

IT'S GONNA  
TAKE MORE  
THAN A COUPLE OF  
MEASLY MISSILES  
TO STOP ME FROM  
VOIDING YOUR  
WARRANTY!

THIS IS **SCARLET  
GARCIA** REPORTING LIVE  
FROM OUTSIDE THE STATION  
SQUARE SPACE MUSEUM WHERE  
A BATTLE BETWEEN SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG AND DR. EGGMAN'S  
ROBOTS IS BEING WAGED!



TWO MISSILES  
HAVE JUST BLASTED  
THROUGH THE ROOF  
OF THE MUSEUM,  
NARROWLY MISSING  
A POLICE  
HELICOPTER.

THE  
MISSILES  
ARE HEADING  
TOWARD **ANGEL  
ISLAND**, HOME OF  
**KNUCKLES THE  
ECHIDNA**.

LET'S HOPE  
HE'S NOT AT HOME  
TODAY OR HE MIGHT  
GET HURT!

NOW  
WHAT?



OOOOOF!



SONIC AND  
EGGMAN MUST  
BE AT IT  
AGAIN!



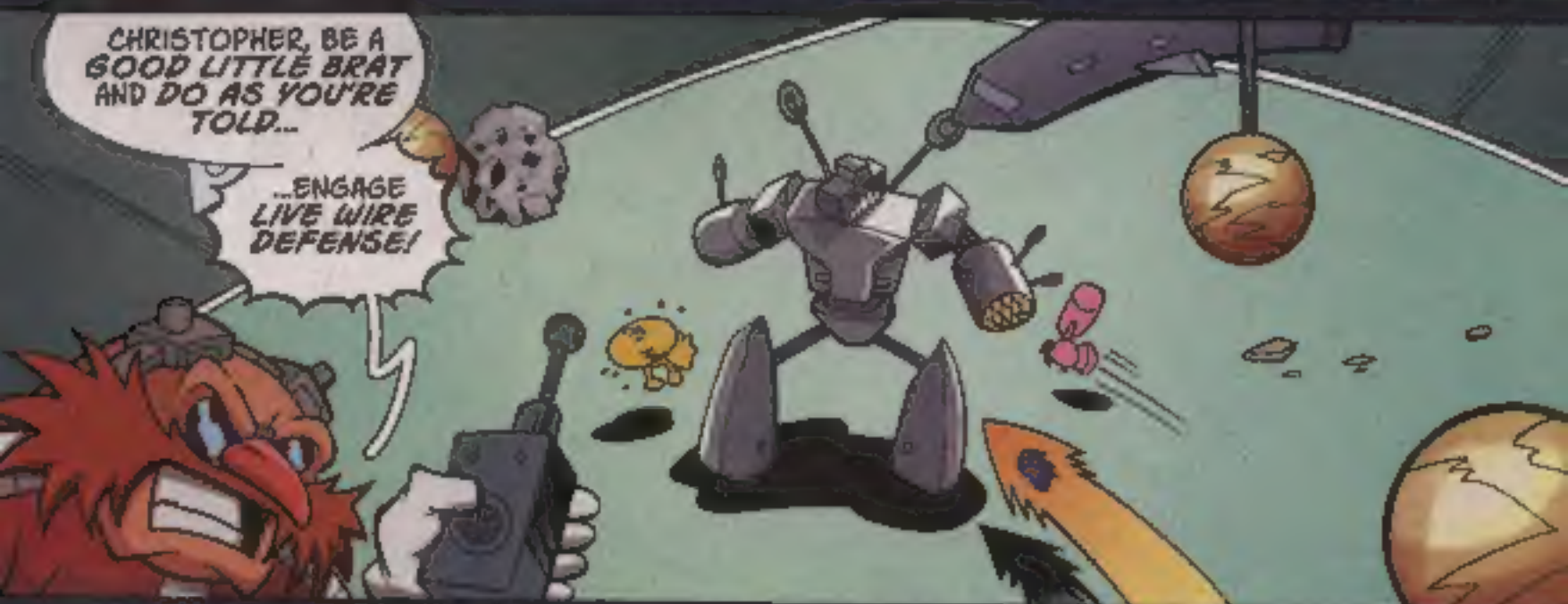




CALLING  
ALL BOTS!  
CONVERGE ON  
THE SPACE  
MUSEUM NOW  
AND DESTROY  
SONIC, TAILS,  
AND AMY!



WE'VE GOT  
TO DISMANTLE  
THIS THING  
BEFORE IT HURTS  
SOMEBODY!



CHRISTOPHER, BE A  
GOOD LITTLE BRAT  
AND DO AS YOU'RE  
TOLD...

...ENGAGE  
LIVE WIRE  
DEFENSE!



...CAN'T STOP  
MYSELF...



HA HA, SONIC!  
I'VE GOT JUICE--IT'S  
MULTIPLYING!

AND  
I'M LOSING  
CONTROL!

CUZ THE  
POWER HE'S  
SUPPLYING...

...IS  
ELECTRIFYING!

KKKKRACKKKLE



AH,  
MY MENACING  
MECHANOIDS! IT'S  
ABOUT TIME YOU  
ARRIVED!

NOW RID THIS  
PLANET OF MY ENEMIES SO  
THAT I MAY BECOME EARTH'S  
UNDISPUTED RULER!

**HAHAHA  
HAHAHA!**

...GOT TO  
FIND...

...A WAY  
TO...

...WARN  
SONIC!

YIKES!

OH MY!

GUYS,  
WE CAN'T  
LOSE OUR  
HEADS.

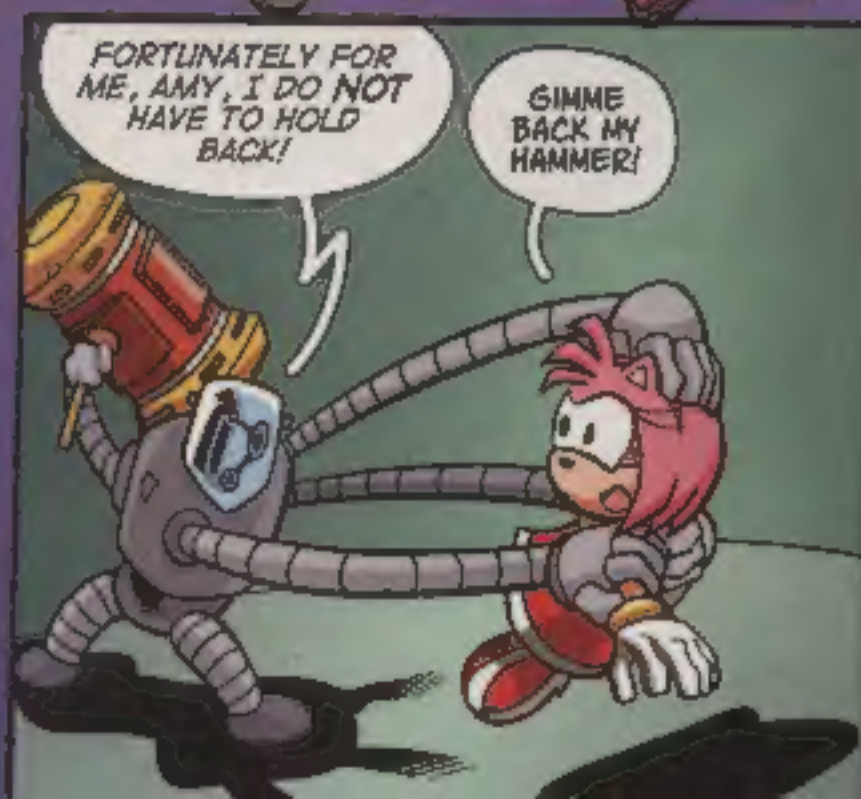
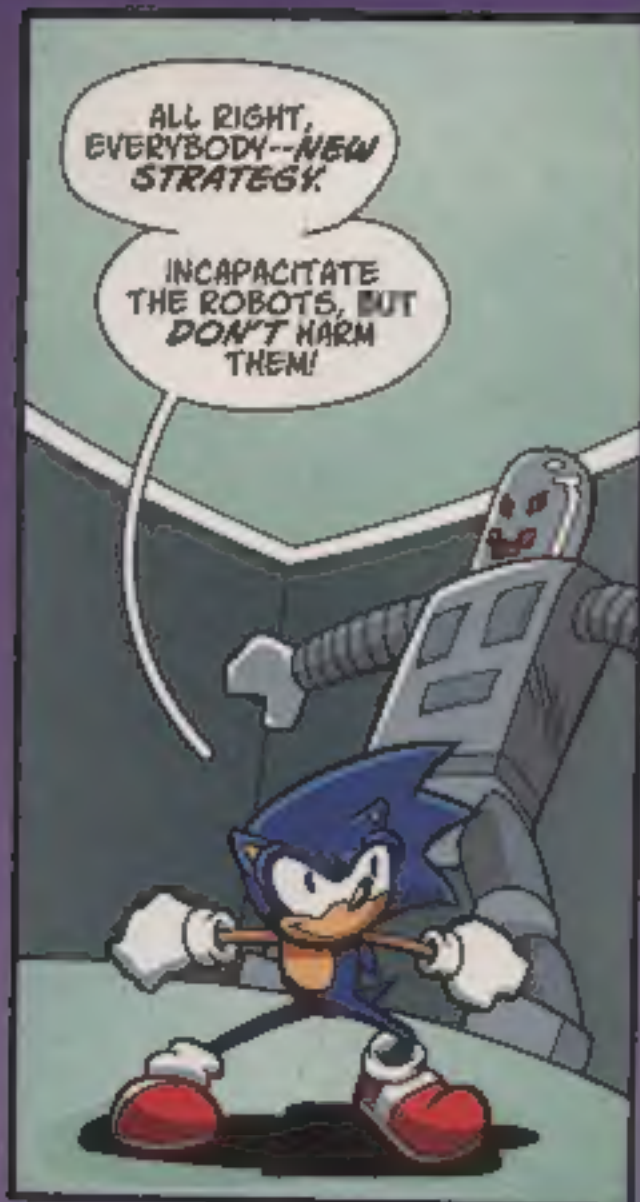
WE'VE  
GOT TO PULL  
THE PLUGS  
ON THESE 'BOTS  
ONCE AND FOR  
ALL!



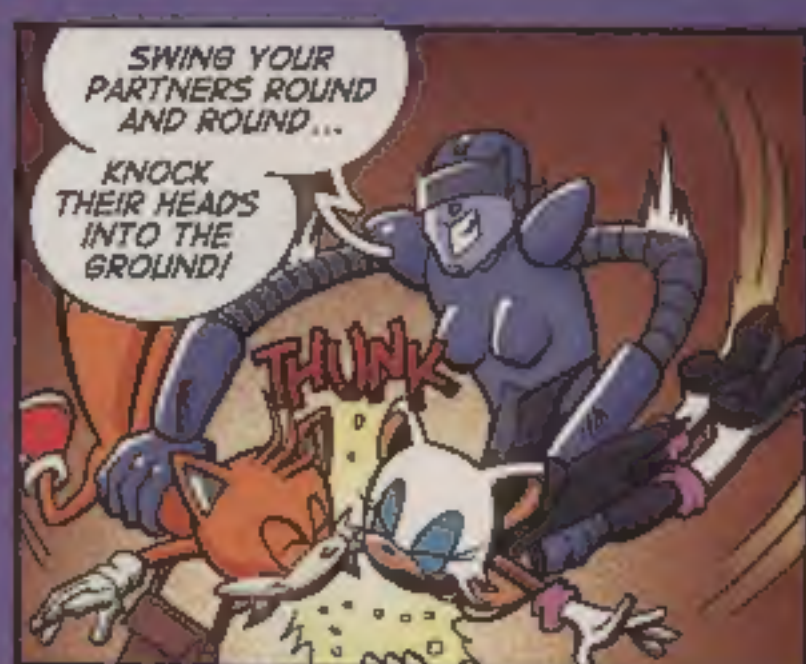
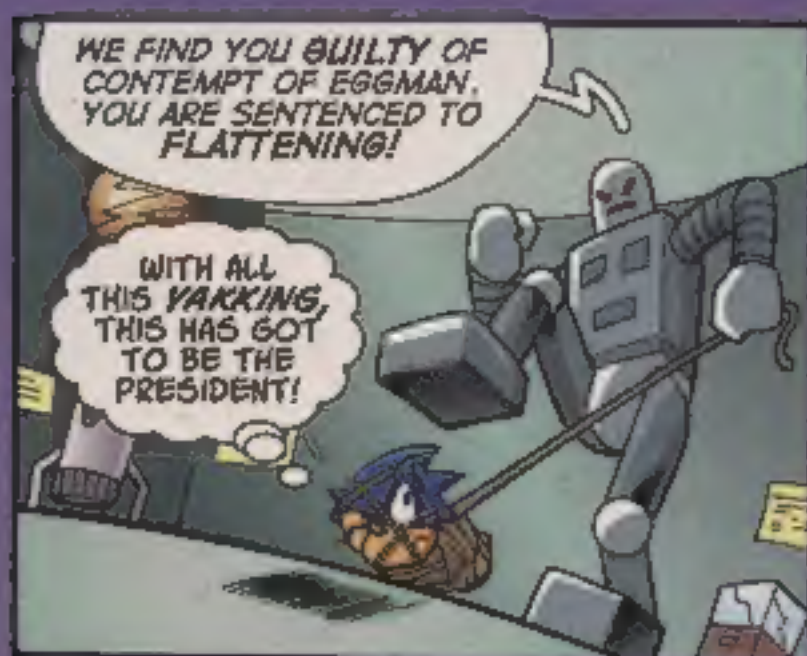
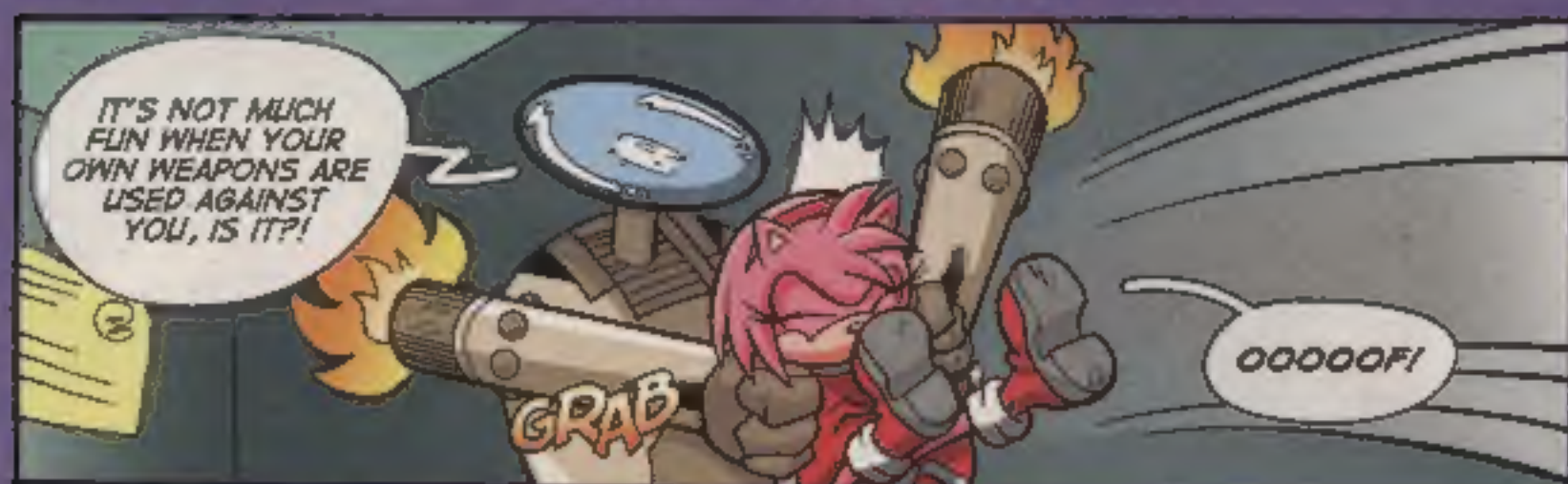
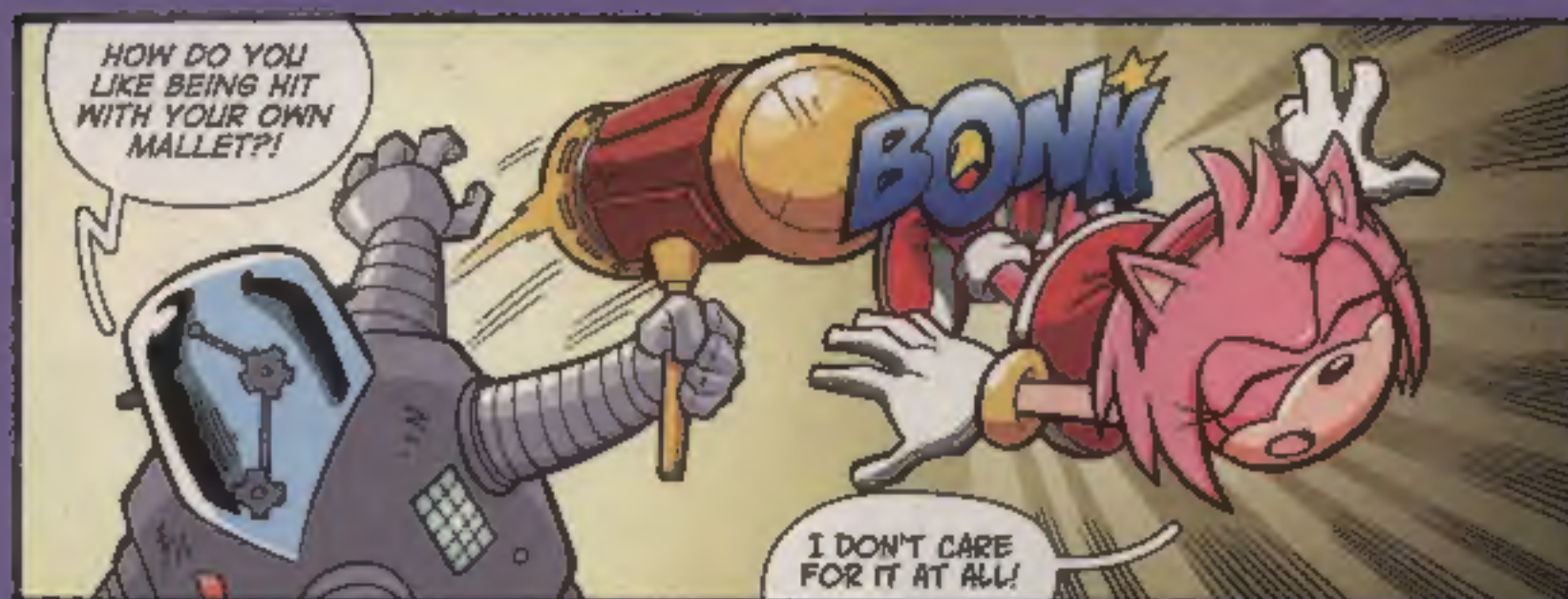




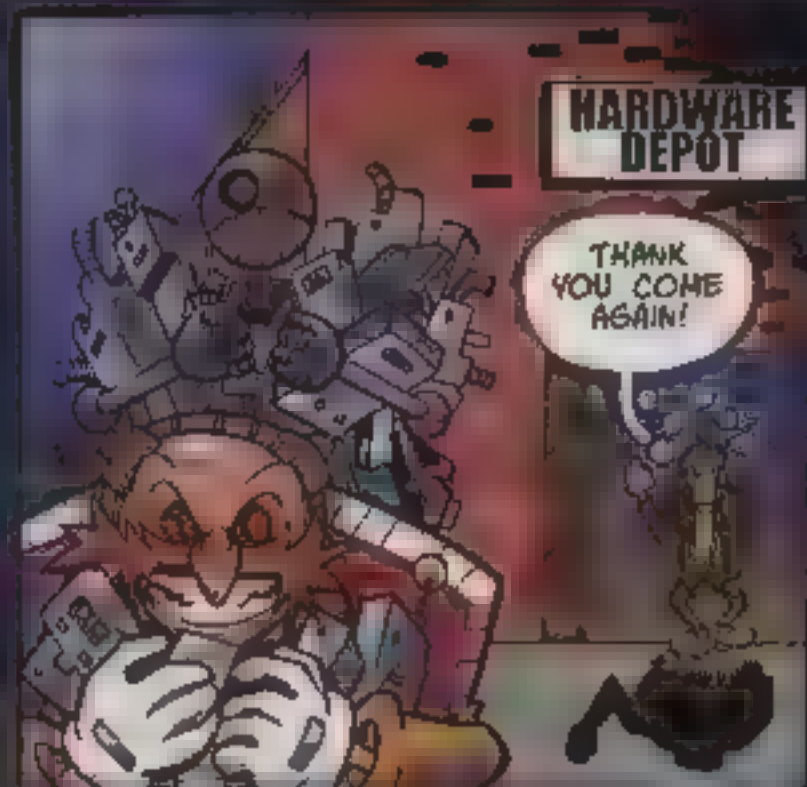
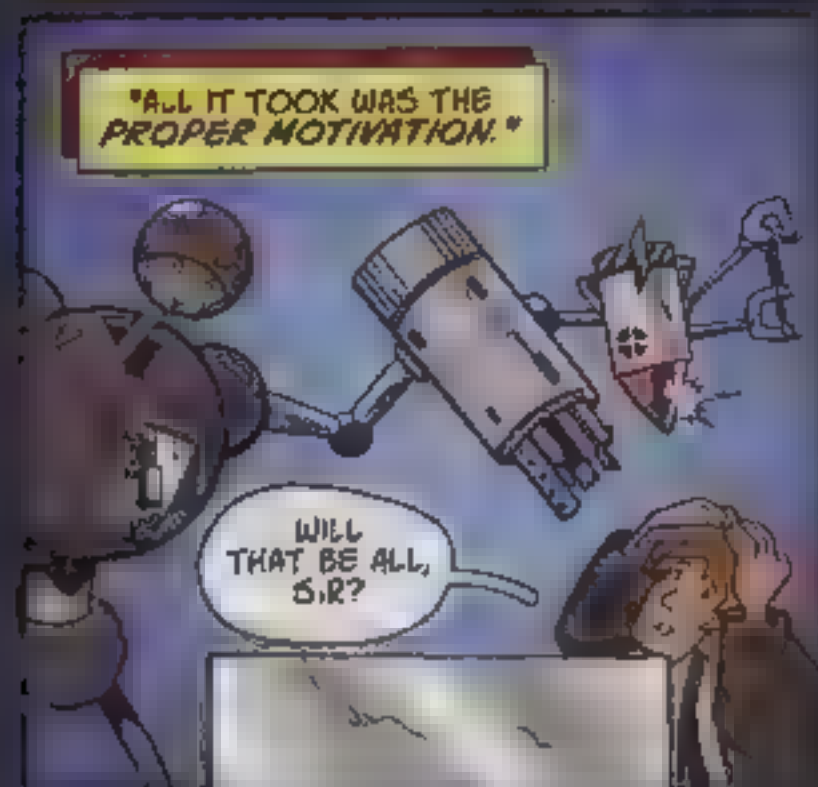
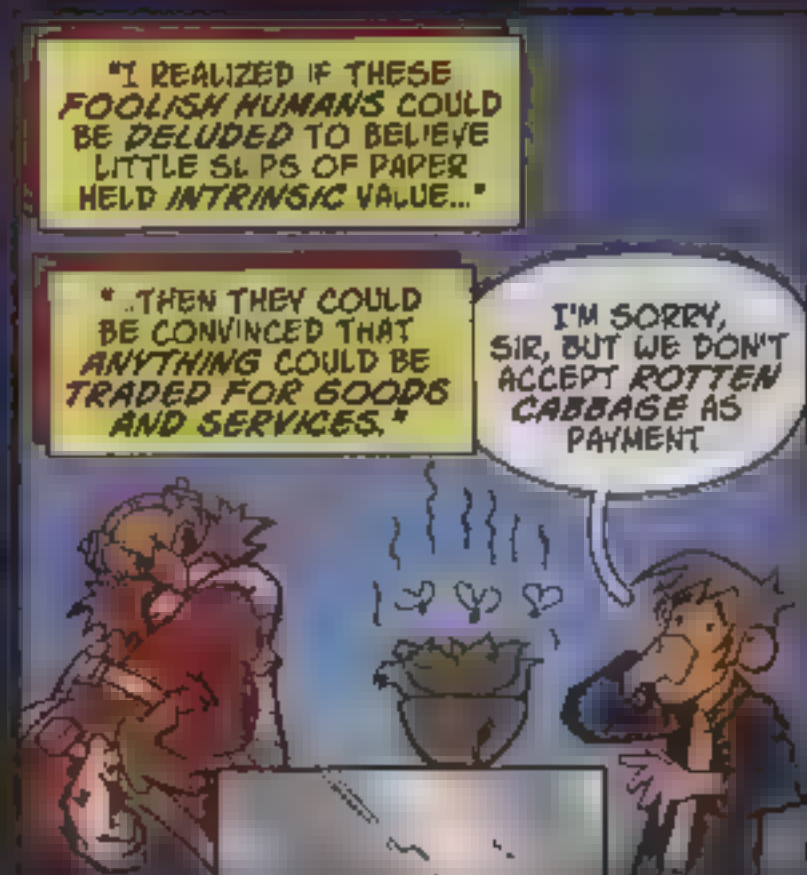
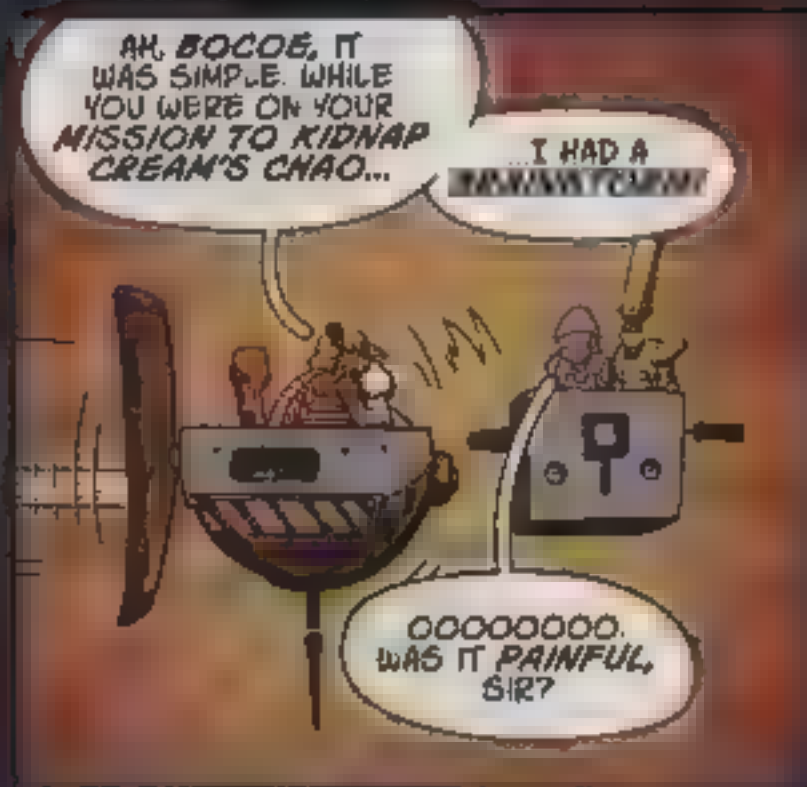
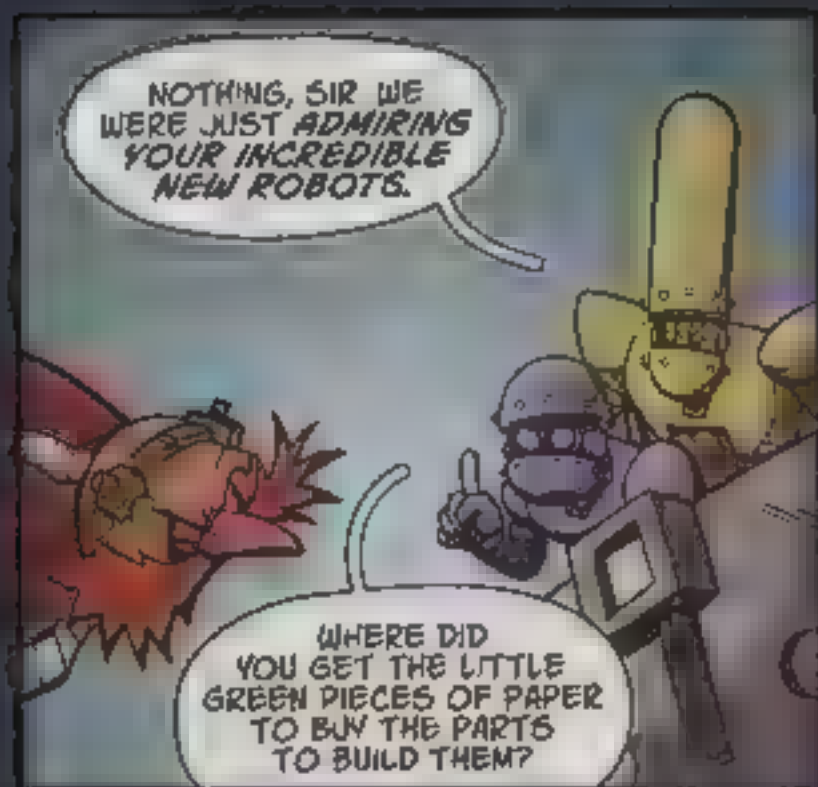














AND NOW, ALL WE  
HAVE TO DO IS SIT  
BACK AND WATCH AS  
SONIC'S OWN FRIENDS RID  
ME OF THAT INFURIATING  
HEDGEHOG AND HIS  
OTHER FRIENDS.

SWING YOUR  
PARTNERS ROUND  
SOME MORE

THEN FLING  
THEM DOWN ON  
THE FLOOR!

IT'S  
UNPATRIOTIC  
TO RESIST YOUR  
PRESIDENT,  
SONIC! STOP  
SQUIRMING!

THUD

KLINK

THIS IS  
JUST WHAT  
I NEED.

FEEL THE FULL WEIGHT  
OF THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT ON  
YOUR HEAD!

SNATCH

HOLD  
ON, AMY!

STOMP

MY  
HERO!



THERE ARE FIVE OF THEM AND ONLY FOUR OF US.

AND WE CAN'T CUT LOOSE FOR FEAR OF HURTING OUR FRIENDS.

WE REALLY COULD USE SOME HELP!

WE CAN'T GIVE UP AND LET EGGMAN WIN!

SURE YOU CAN LET ME WIN! THAT'S ALL I'VE EVER ASKED. WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR YOU TO GIVE ME A LITTLE HAPPINESS?

BESIDES, WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS TRAPPED INSIDE MY INFERNAL DEVICES, WHO'S GOING TO HELP YOU NOW?

THE ANSWER COMES FROM ABOVE AS CHUCK THORNDYKE ARRIVES WITH KNUCKLES, CREAM AND CHEESE.

YOU'RE FORGETTING HOW MANY FRIENDS SONIC HAS.

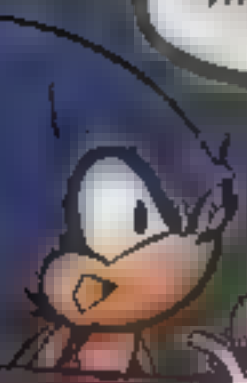
AND EVERY ONE OF US WILL FIGHT YOU TO THE END!

BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU, RED.


FIGHT NOW. FLIRT LATER.

WAIT! WE NEED A PLAN!






CHRIS IS TRAPPED INSIDE  
THAT ROBOT, MAYBE I CAN  
GET THROUGH TO HIM.




I'LL TAKE TOPAZ  
EVEN UNDER EGGMAN'S  
CONTROL, I CAN'T BELIEVE  
SHE'D HURT ME...




AMY, YOU FILL  
IN KNUCKLES AND  
CHUCK AND TAKE  
ON THE OTHER  
'BOTS.

WHAT  
ABOUT ME,  
SONIC?



EGGMAN'S GOT  
A DEVICE HE'S USING  
TO CONTROL THE  
ROBOTS, TAILS.


YOU'VE GOT  
TO GET IT AWAY  
FROM HIM.



ALL RIGHT,  
MOVE OUT!



THIS IS  
GOING TO BE  
SO MUCH  
FUN!



GIVE  
YOUR FURRY  
FRIEND A ROUND  
OF APPLAUSE,  
CHRISTOPHER!



**CLAP**



I'LL TAKE THAT!

NOT WHILE I STILL CONTROL MY ROBOTS!

THE RING'S WEARING OFF...

...AND I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK FREE!

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR MOST VALUABLE CONSTITUENT NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE!

ALWAYS GLAD TO SERVE THE VOTERS!

I'D VOTE FOR YOU IF I COULD!

HEE HEE HEE HEE!

SQUASH HIM, CHRISTOPHER!

SQUASH SONIC LIKE THE BOTHERSOME BLUE BUGSNOT HE IS!



ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S ROBOTS HAS JUST FLOWN OUT OF THE MUSEUM, MILES PROWER--COMMONLY KNOWN AS TAILS--IN ITS GRASP.

THE X-TORNADO IS GIVING CHASE, WHICH MAKES US WONDER WHO IS PILOTING TAILS'S FAMOUS SHIP?

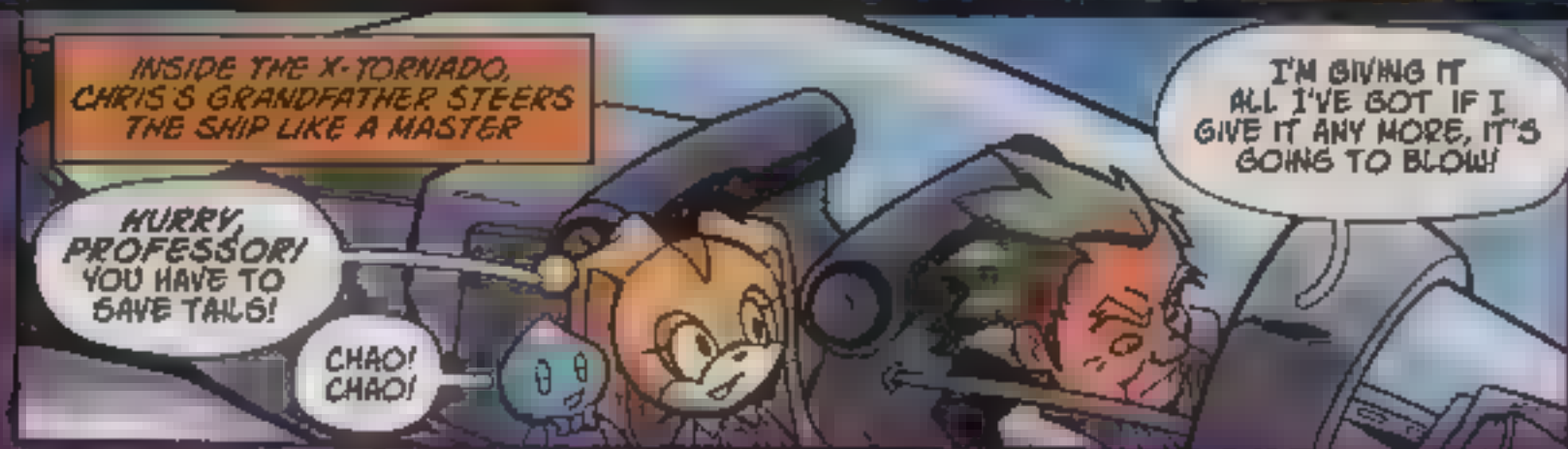


INSIDE THE X-TORNADO, CHRIS'S GRANDFATHER STEERS THE SHIP LIKE A MASTER

HURRY, PROFESSOR! YOU HAVE TO SAVE TAILS!

CHAO! CHAO!

I'M GIVING IT ALL I'VE GOT IF I GIVE IT ANY MORE, IT'S GOING TO BLOW!



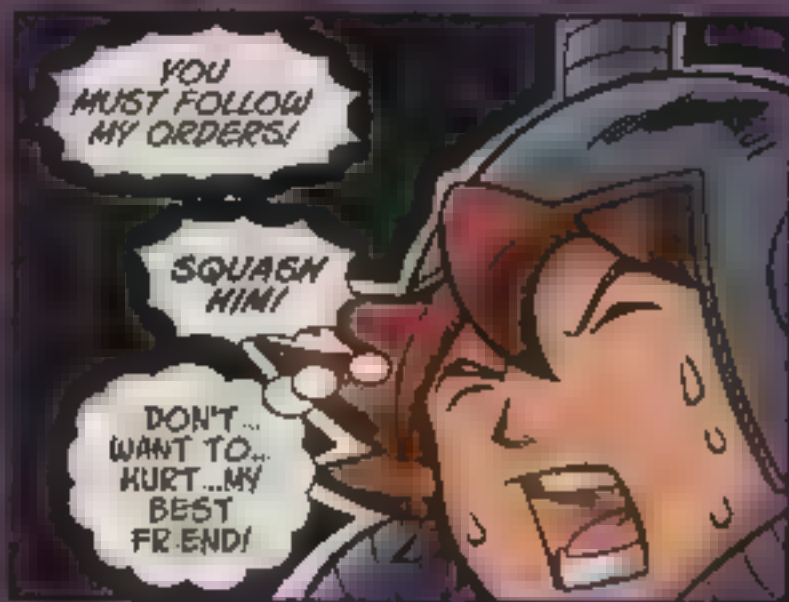
DON'T DO IT, BUDDY  
YOU'RE STRONGER THAN EGGMAN ANY DAY!



YOU MUST FOLLOW MY ORDERS!

SQUASH HIM!

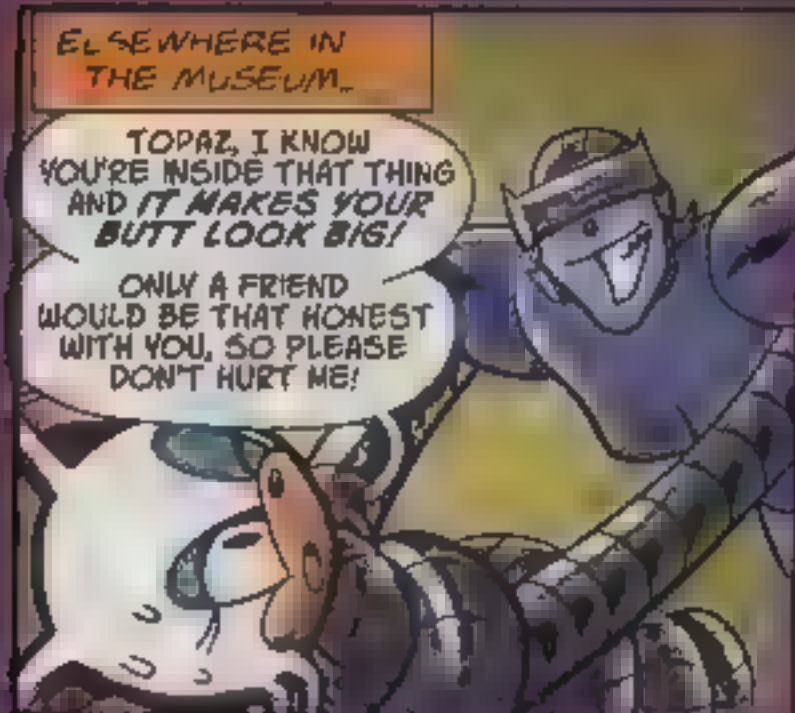
DON'T WANT TO... HURT... MY BEST FRIEND!



ELSEWHERE IN THE MUSEUM...

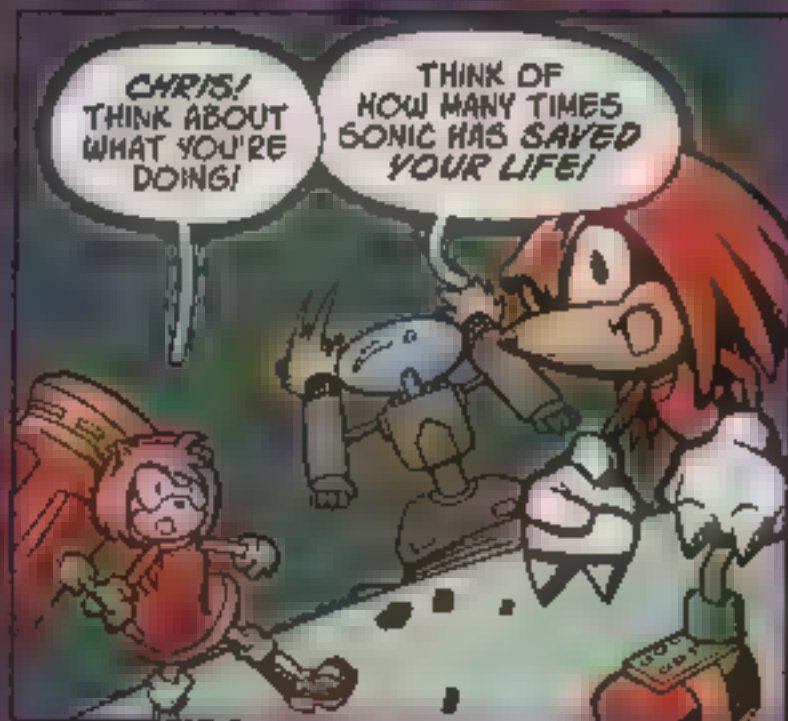
TOPAZ, I KNOW YOU'RE INSIDE THAT THING AND IT MAKES YOUR BUTT LOOK BIG!

ONLY A FRIEND WOULD BE THAT HONEST WITH YOU, SO PLEASE DON'T HURT ME!

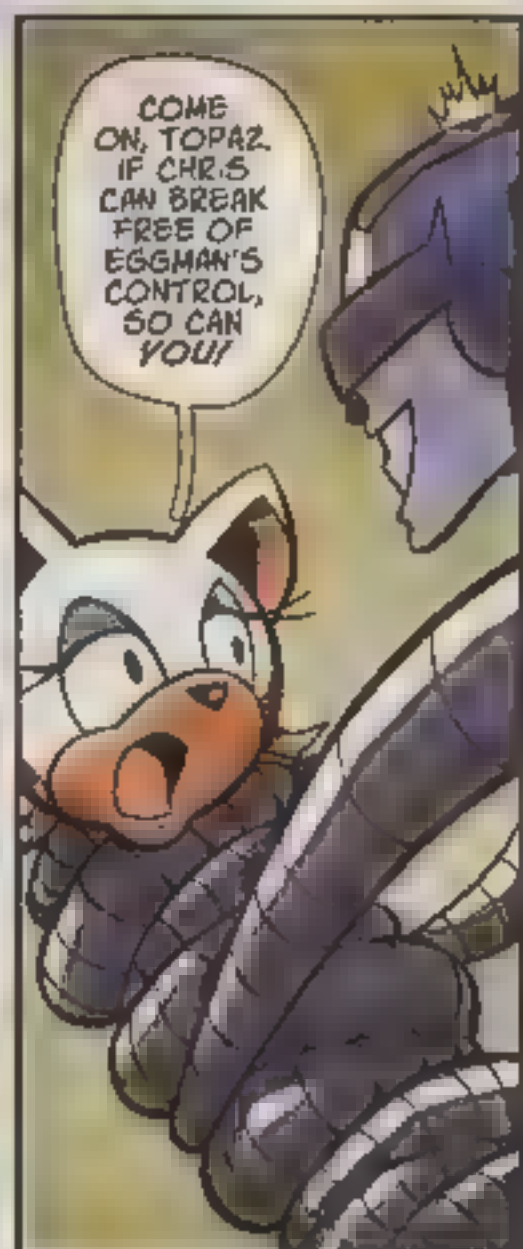
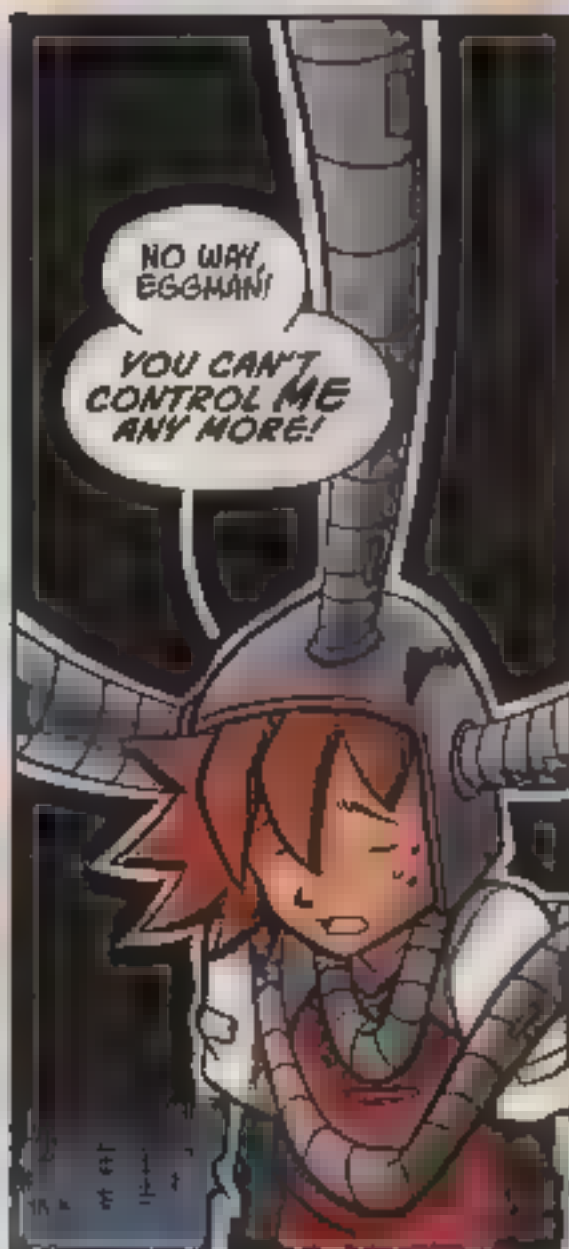


CHRIS! THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

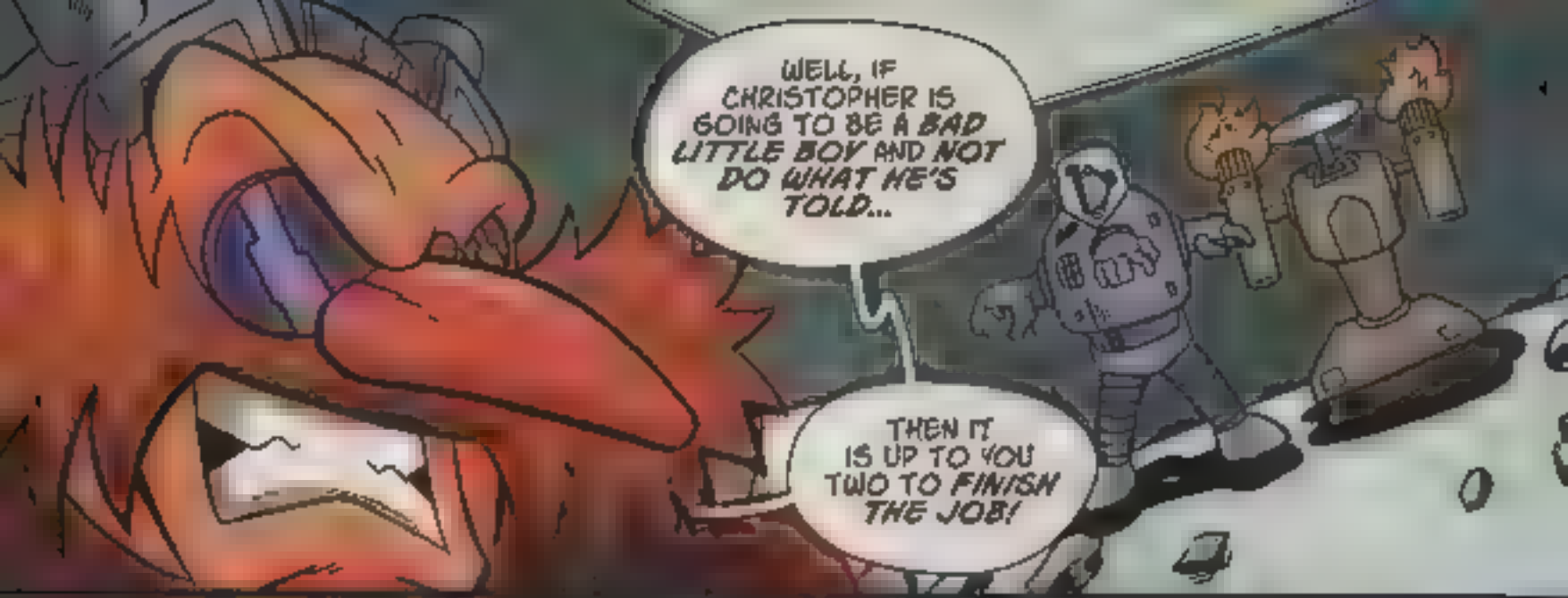
THINK OF HOW MANY TIMES SONIC HAS SAVED YOUR LIFE!





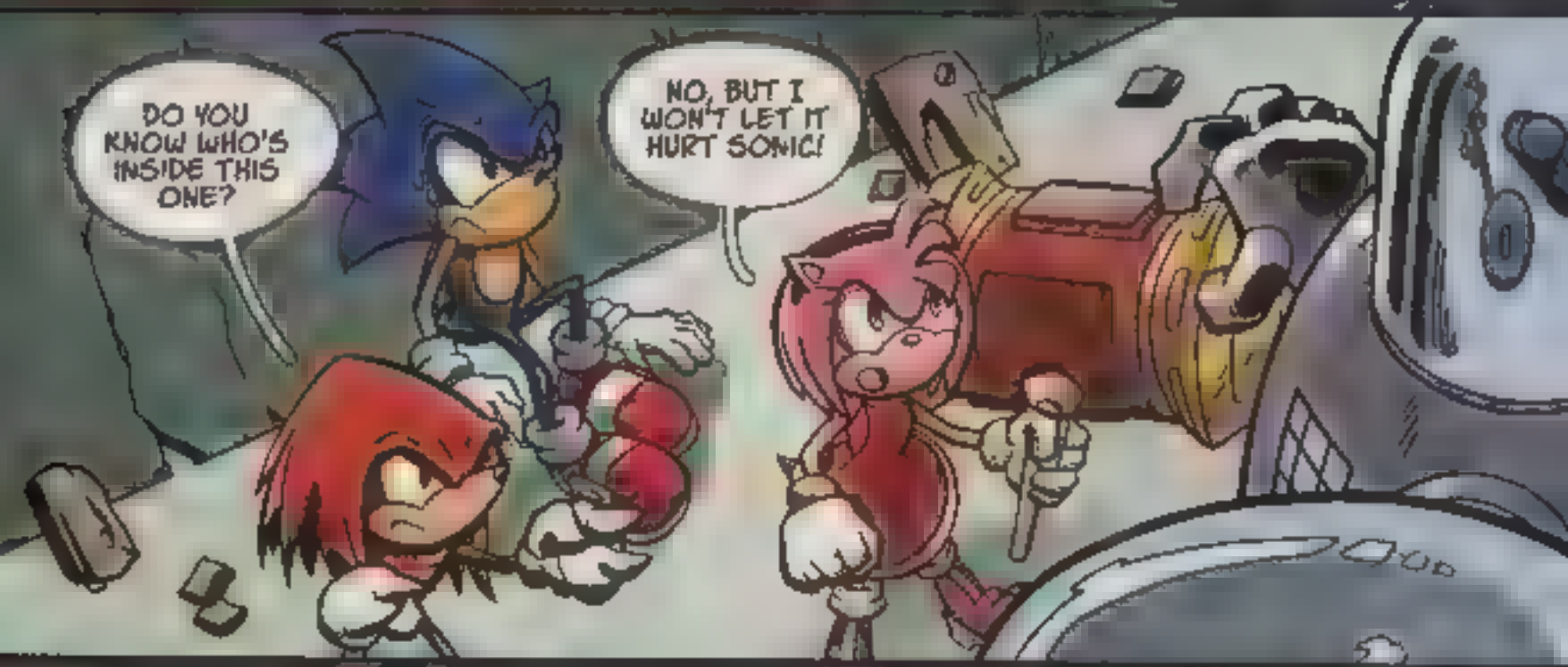






WELL, IF  
CHRISTOPHER IS  
GOING TO BE A BAD  
LITTLE BOY AND NOT  
DO WHAT HE'S  
TOLD...

THEN IT  
IS UP TO YOU  
TWO TO FINISH  
THE JOB!



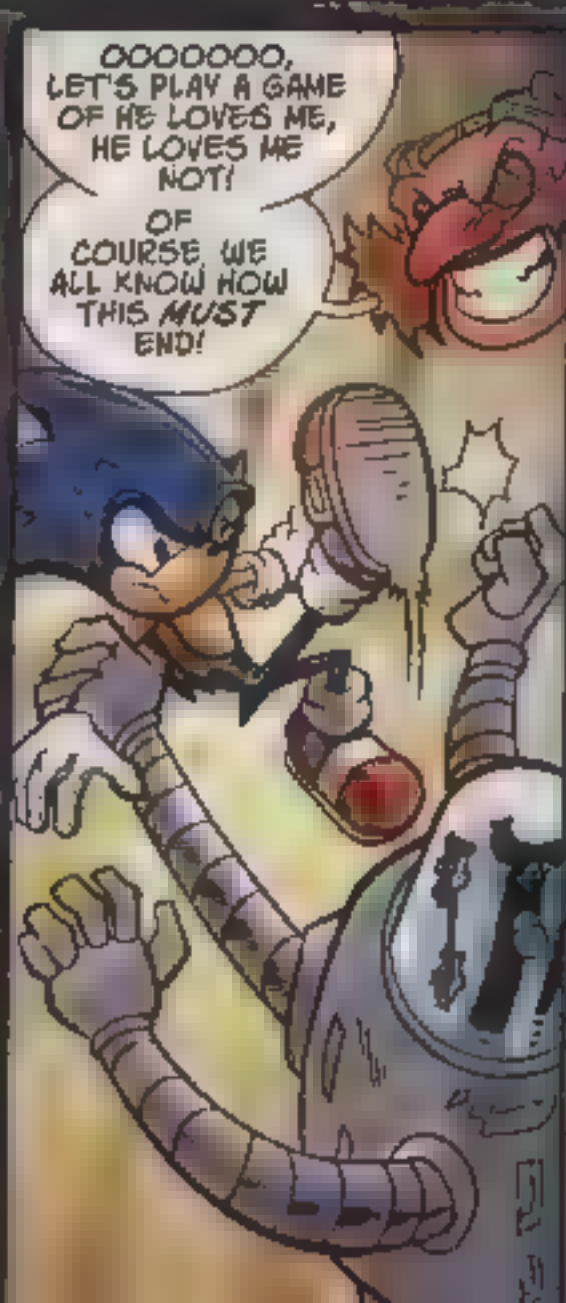
DO YOU  
KNOW WHO'S  
INSIDE THIS  
ONE?

NO, BUT I  
WON'T LET IT  
HURT SONIC!



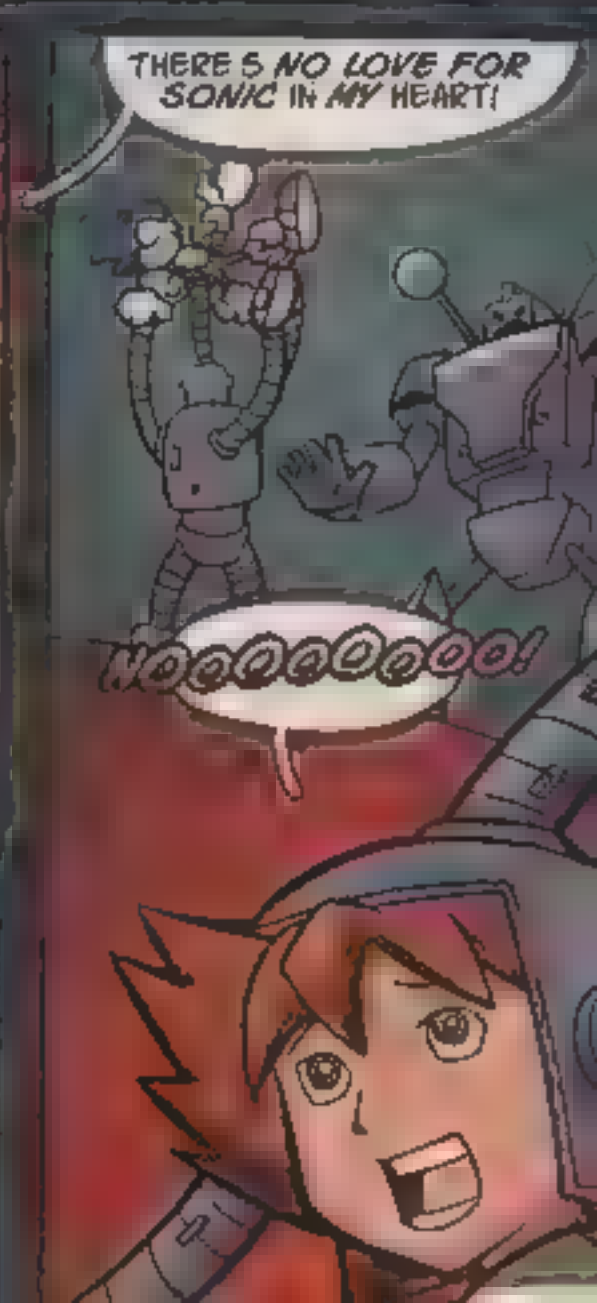
TAKE OUT  
ITS TREADS  
SO IT CAN'T  
GET TO  
SONIC!

I'M ON  
IT!



OOOOOOO,  
LET'S PLAY A GAME  
OF HE LOVES ME,  
HE LOVES ME  
NOT!

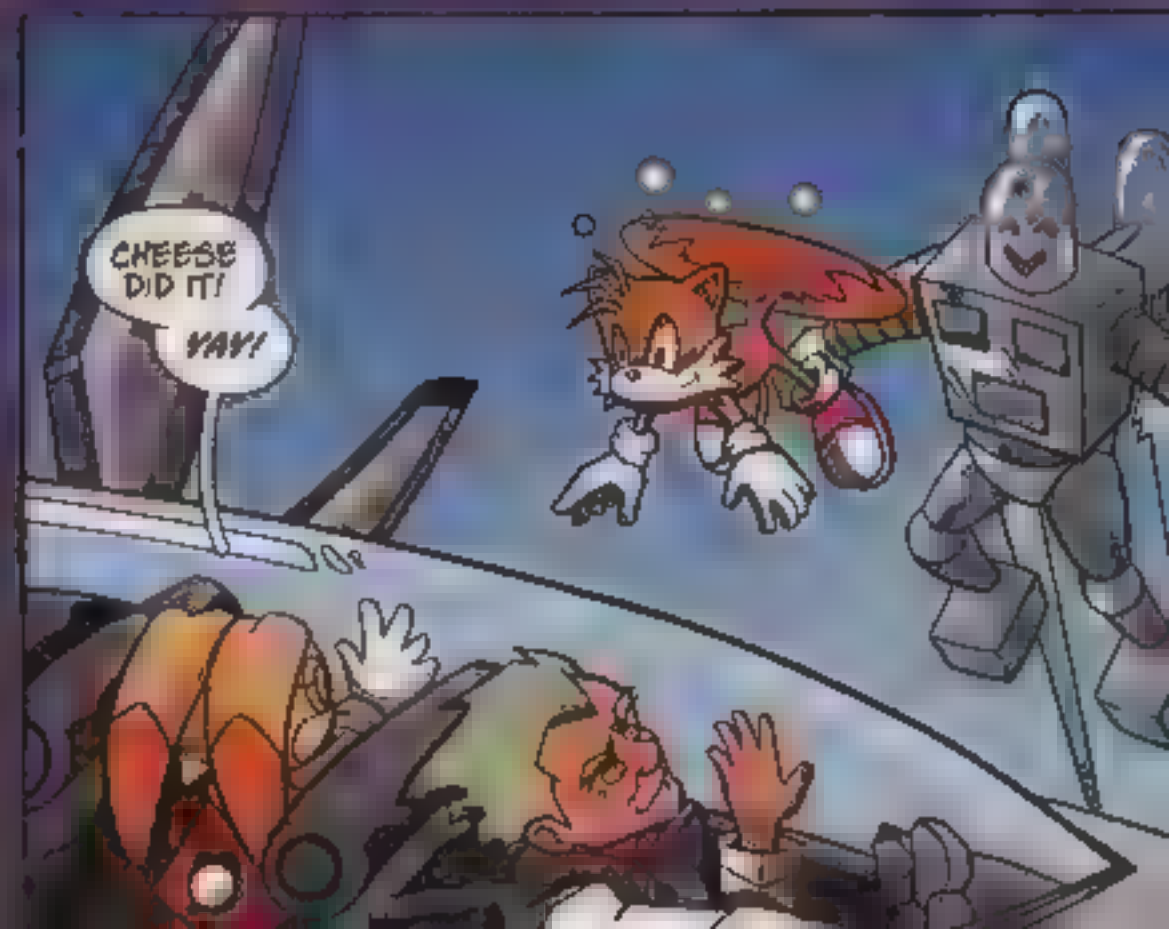
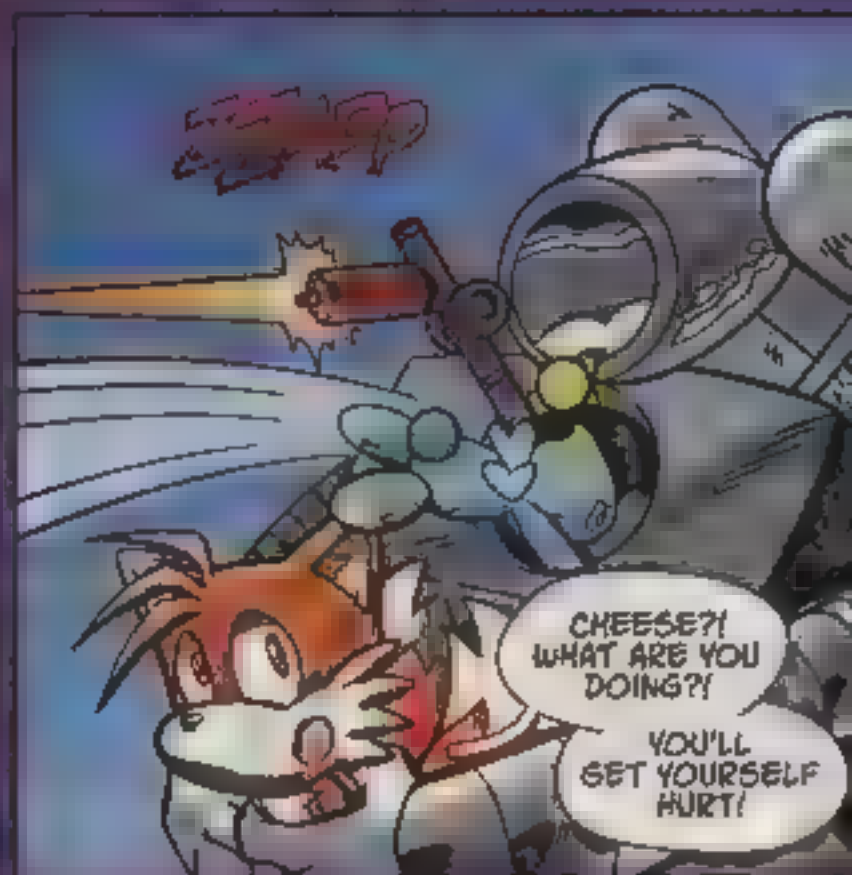
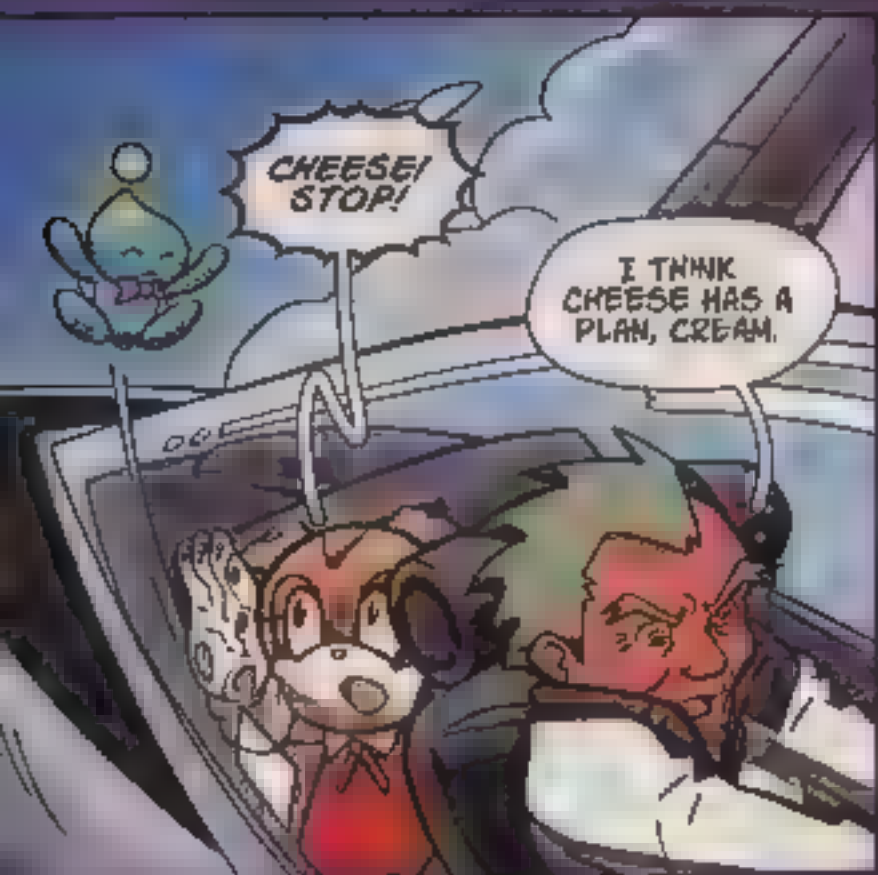
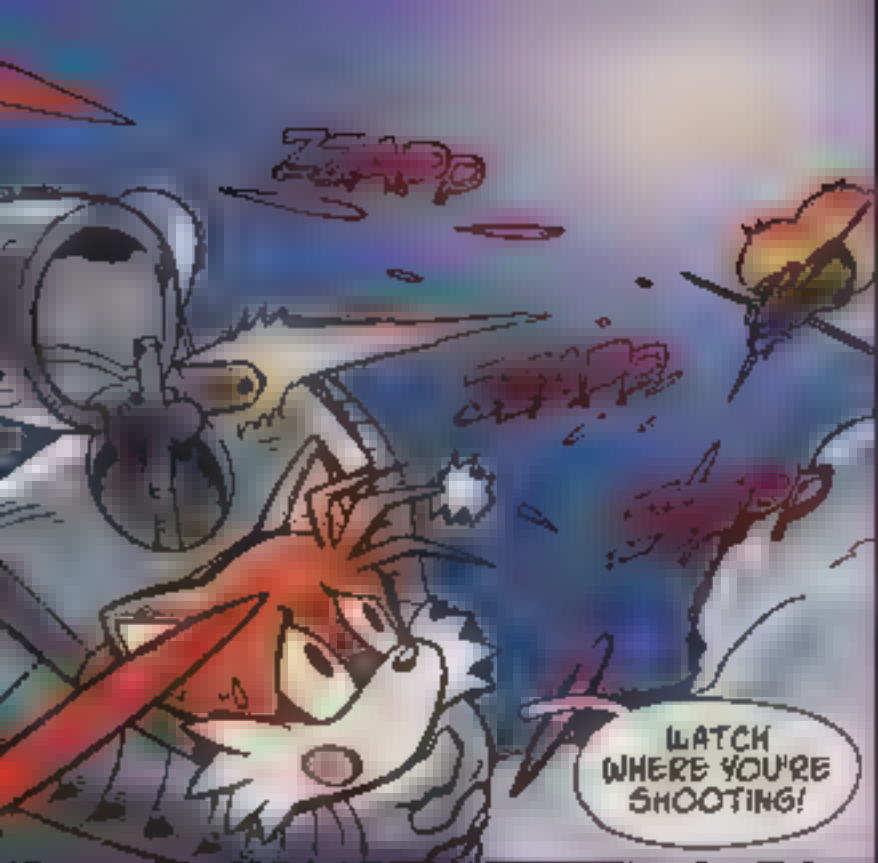
OF  
COURSE WE  
ALL KNOW HOW  
THIS MUST  
END!



THERE'S NO LOVE FOR  
SONIC IN MY HEART!

NOOOOOOOOOO!









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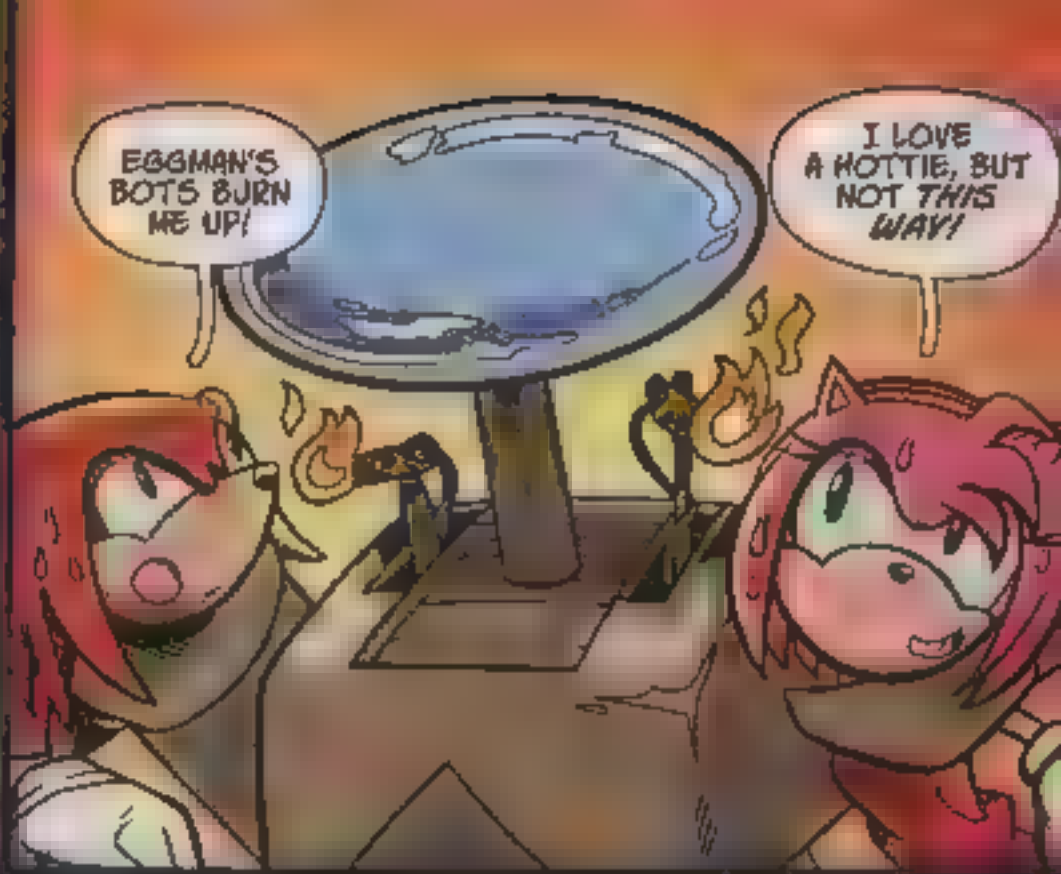
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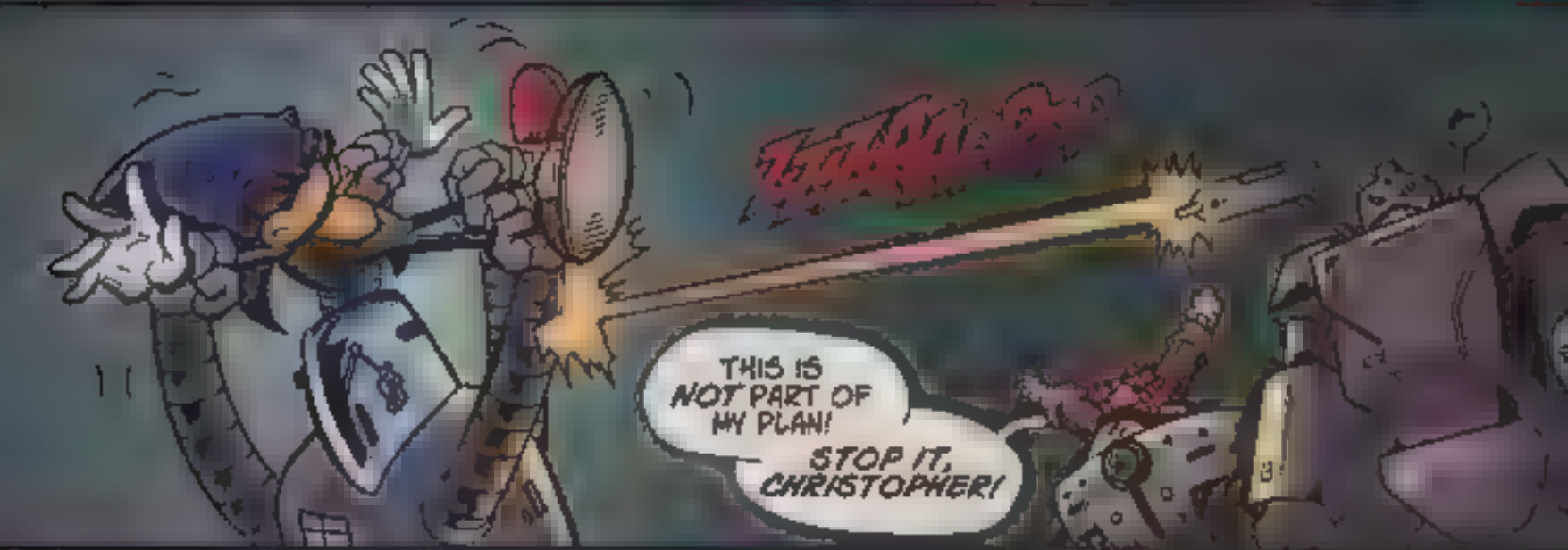


!COUGH!  
!COUGH! TOPAZ,  
PLEASE STOP!  
!COUGH! YOU'RE  
CHOKING  
ME! !COUGH!  
!COUGH!



EGGMAN'S  
BOTS BURN  
ME UP!

I LOVE  
A HOTTIE, BUT  
NOT THIS  
WAY!



THIS IS  
NOT PART OF  
MY PLAN!

STOP IT,  
CHRISTOPHER!



WHY IS IT ALWAYS  
ALWAYS SUFFER WHEN  
THE BOSS'S PLANS  
FALL APART?

CHEESE OFF,  
EGGMAN!

YOU CAN'T  
TELL ME WHAT  
TO DO ANY  
MORE!

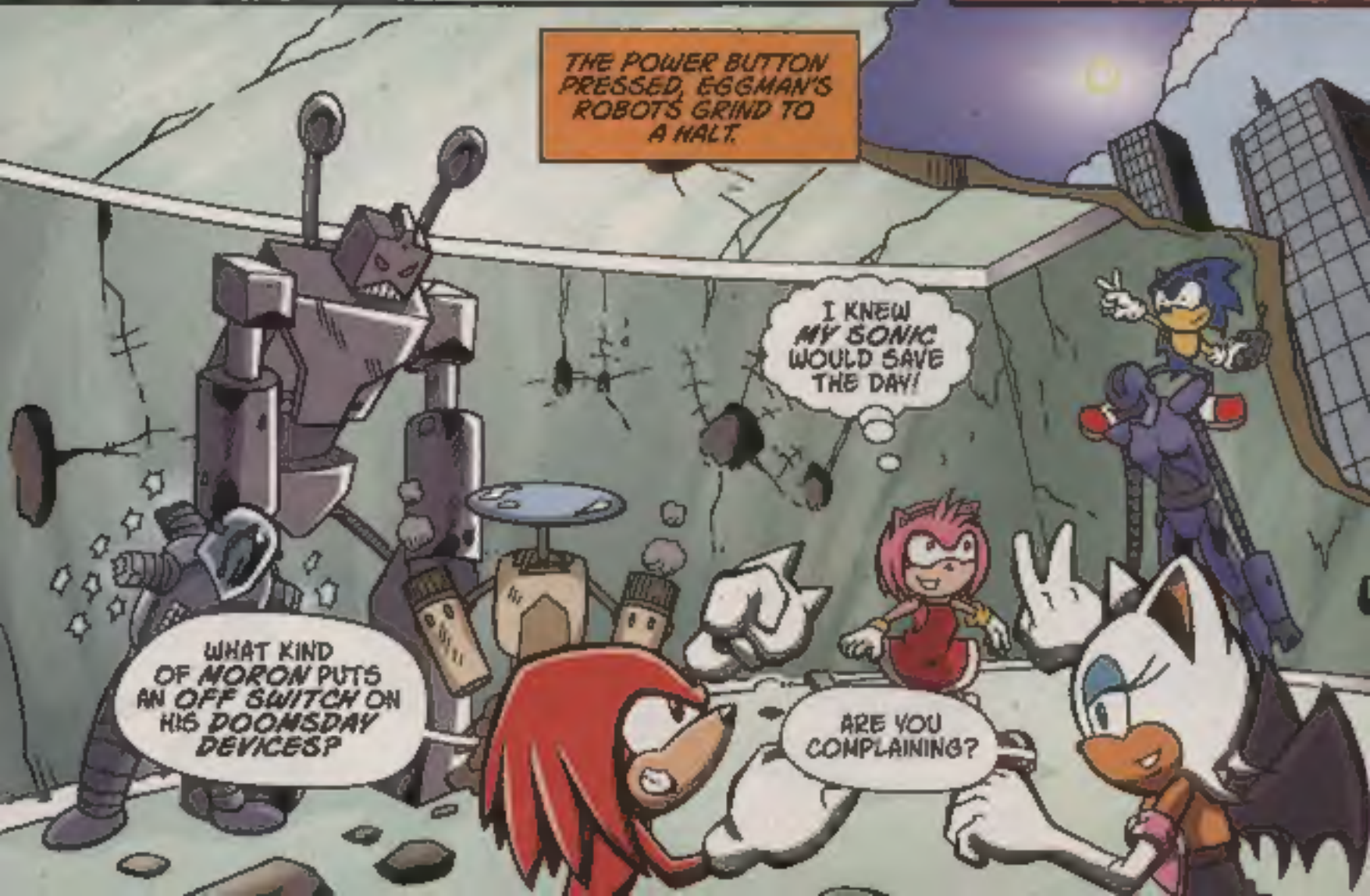


YOW!











THIS SHOULD  
PUT AN END TO  
THIS SCHEME.

**BEAT IT, EGGMAN!**  
I'VE SHUT DOWN YOUR  
'BOTS AND YOU CAN'T USE  
MY FRIENDS TO ATTACK  
ME ANY MORE.

YOU MAY  
HAVE WON  
THIS TIME,  
SONIC!

BUT I'LL  
BE BACK!  
COUNT  
ON IT!

AND THE CROWD  
CHEERS AS SONIC AND  
HIS FRIENDS COME OUT OF  
THE SPACE MUSEUM.

ONCE AGAIN,  
SONIC HAS DEFEATED  
DR. EGGMAN AND  
NO ONE WAS  
HURT!

THIS IS SCARLET  
GARCIA REPORTING.  
WE NOW RETURN YOU  
TO YOUR REGULAR  
PROGRAMMING...

**N**EXT TIME, IN SONIC X #5 --  
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GARDEN!" DR. EGGMAN MARKETS  
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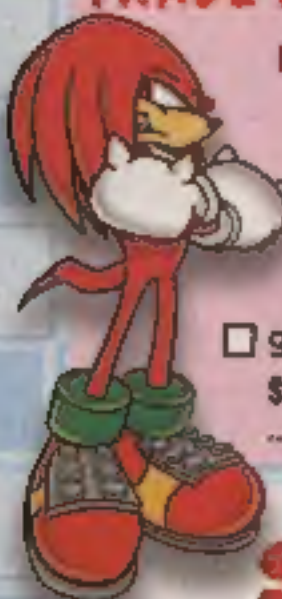
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